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TAGS: MORG, XM, DR
SUB: HOST COUNTRY MILITARY TRAINING

REF: STATE 166382,

1. HOST COUNTRY HAS NOT MADE AN EFFORT NOR DOES IT HAVE THE
CAPABILITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A SCHOOL SIMILAR TO
AND DESIGNED TO REPLACE THE "SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS".

2. A STAFF STUDY ORDERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
THE ARMED FORCES HAS DETERMINED THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
HAS THE CAPABILITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A COMMAND AND
GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE. THEY ARE PLANNING TO DO SO DURING
1980 AND 1981. THIS SCHOOL IS NOT DESIGNED TO COMPETE WITH OR
REPLACE USARSA BUT RATHER TO COMPLEMENT THE TRAINING
AVAILABLE THERE. THEY FEEL THAT IT IS A MATTER OF NATIONAL
PRIDE THAT SUCH A SCHOOL BE ESTABLISHED AS THEY ARE ONE OF
THE FEW LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS WITHOUT ONE. THEY WOULD
STILL SEND STUDENTS TO USARSA--IF FUNDED BY IMET--FOR THEY
FEEL THAT THAT SCHOOL OFFERS THE BEST TRAINING AVAILABLE
IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. (A) THERE IS NO FULL-FLEDGED EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN EFFECT
AT THIS TIME. THE NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATED ONE CADET
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FROM NICARAGUA IN DECEMBER OF 1976. THE DOMINICAN
NAVY DID NOT SEND ANY STUDENTS TO NICARAGUA. (B) THE
DOMINICAN DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED AND FUNDED BY OTHER NATIONS.
THEY HAVE ACCEPTED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING.:

1. SINCE JULY 1977, SIX OFFICERS HAVE ATTENDED

A POLITICO-MILITARY COURSE IN TAIWAN.

2. THREE CADETS ARE IN TRAINING IN THE VENEZUELAN ARMY
MILITARY ACADEMY.

3. ONE CAPTAIN IS IN TRAINING IN THE SPANISH ARMY ENGINEER
SCHOOL.
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